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| Published Industry Title | Series Code | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Annual Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPL. | 000000 | 1,596.5 | 1,590.6 | 1,610.5 | 1,628.4 | 1,640.6 | 1,655.5 | 1,662.0 | 1,650.8 | 1,654.9 | 1,655.6 | 1,666.9 | 1,675.1 | 1,640.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 300005 | 62.1 | 62.3 | 62.8 | 63.4 | 63.4 | 64.1 | 64.5 | 64.7 | 65.4 | 66.7 | 67.3 | 67.7 | 64.5 |
| 20 Food & Kindred Products | 420005 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 27 Printing & Publishing | 427005 | 24.7 | 24.7 | 24.9 | 25.0 | 24.6 | 24.7 | 24.8 | 24.7 | 25.0 | 26.0 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 25.1 |
| 22-26 28-29 All Other Manufacturing | 499995 | 33.0 | 33.2 | 33.4 | 33.9 | 34.3 | 34.8 | 35.2 | 35.4 | 35.8 | 36.2 | 36.6 | 37.0 | 34.9 |
| NON-MANUFACTURING | 000060 | 1,534.4 | 1,528.3 | 1,547.7 | 1,565.0 | 1,577.2 | 1,591.4 | 1,597.5 | 1,586.1 | 1,589.5 | 1,588.9 | 1,599.6 | 1,607.4 | 1,576.1 |
| 10-14 Mining | 100005 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 15-17 Construction | 200005 | 65.5 | 64.9 | 67.2 | 70.3 | 73.4 | 77.3 | 80.2 | 79.8 | 80.1 | 80.3 | 80.3 | 79.1 | 74.9 |
| Transp., Commun., & Public Utilities | 500005 | 74.0 | 73.3 | 74.0 | 74.7 | 75.2 | 76.6 | 76.5 | 69.2 | 77.5 | 78.3 | 78.9 | 79.4 | 75.6 |
| 40 Interstate Railroads | 540005 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 41-47 Transp., Except R.R. | 540045 | 29.7 | 29.1 | 29.6 | 30.1 | 30.5 | 31.4 | 31.2 | 31.5 | 31.9 | 32.2 | 1/ 32.2 | 1/ 32.8 | 31.0 |
| Commun., Elec., Gas & 48-49 Sanitary Services | 547095 | 40.4 | 40.4 | 40.6 | 40.7 | 40.8 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 1/ 33.7 | 2/ 41.6 | 42.1 | 42.7 | 42.7 | 40.7 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 600005 | 305.6 | 298.4 | 303.0 | 308.6 | 311.6 | 315.7 | 314.4 | 315.7 | 316.6 | 316.8 | 321.1 | 329.1 | 313.1 |
| 50 Wholesale Trade | 650005 | 57.7 | 57.7 | 58.3 | 59.0 | 59.6 | 60.1 | 60.7 | 61.0 | 61.1 | 60.9 | 61.1 | 61.7 | 59.9 |
| Retail Trade | 652005 | 247.9 | 240.7 | 244.7 | 249.6 | 252.0 | 255.6 | 253.7 | 254.7 | 255.5 | 255.9 | 260.0 | 267.4 | 253.1 |
| 53 General Merchandise | 653005 | 36.9 | 32.3 | 32.2 | 32.4 | 31.5 | 32.5 | 32.3 | 32.0 | 32.6 | 33.3 | 35.7 | 38.1 | 33.5 |
| 54 Food | 654005 | 32.2 | 32.0 | 32.7 | 33.0 | 33.6 | 33.7 | 33.7 | 33.8 | 33.5 | 33.4 | 33.9 | 34.3 | 33.3 |
| Auto. & Access. Dealers 55 & Gas Serv. Stations | 655005 | 26.7 | 26.6 | 27.1 | 27.4 | 27.6 | 28.0 | 28.3 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 28.3 | 27.9 |
| 56 Apparel & Accessories | 656005 | 18.4 | 18.5 | 18.9 | 18.8 | 18.8 | 19.0 | 18.6 | 18.6 | 18.6 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 21.2 | 19.0 |
| 58 Eating & Drinking Places | 658005 | 77.4 | 76.4 | 77.9 | 81.7 | 83.5 | 84.6 | 83.5 | 83.8 | 83.7 | 83.2 | 83.2 | 83.1 | 81.8 |
| 52, 57 & 59 Misc. Retail Trade | 652035 | 56.3 | 54.9 | 55.9 | 56.3 | 57.0 | 57.8 | 57.3 | 58.0 | 58.5 | 58.3 | 59.5 | 62.4 | 57.7 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 700005 | 91.9 | 92.0 | 92.7 | 93.4 | 94.0 | 95.9 | 95.7 | 95.5 | 94.7 | 94.1 | 94.5 | 94.8 | 94.1 |
| 60 Banking | 760005 | 19.5 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.7 | 19.9 | 19.8 | 19.5 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.5 |

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| All Other Finance 61-67 Ins. & Real Estate | 769995 | 72.4 | 72.6 | 73.3 | 74.0 | 74.6 | 76.2 | 75.8 | 75.7 | 75.2 | 74.7 | 75.1 | 75.4 | 74.6 |
| Services | 800005 | 471.4 | 471.9 | 479.5 | 485.8 | 486.9 | 492.1 | 489.4 | 486.4 | 488.7 | 490.4 | 492.6 | 493.1 | 485.7 |
| 70 Hotels & Lodging Places | 870005 | 20.4 | 21.0 | 22.3 | 23.3 | 24.3 | 24.5 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 23.9 | 23.1 | 23.5 | 23.3 | 23.2 |
| 72 Personal Services | 872005 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.5 | 20.0 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 19.0 | 19.3 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.3 |
| All Other Services | 891975 | 431.9 | 431.8 | 437.7 | 442.5 | 443.5 | 448.5 | 446.0 | 442.9 | 1/ 445.8 | 2/ 448.0 | 449.7 | 450.4 | 443.2 |
| Government | 998008 | 525.1 | 526.8 | 530.3 | 531.2 | 535.0 | 532.7 | 540.2 | 538.4 | 530.8 | 527.9 | 531.1 | 530.9 | 531.7 |
| Federal Government | 998011 | 347.6 | 345.6 | 346.7 | 347.2 | 350.4 | 356.4 | 357.8 | 355.0 | 352.0 | 350.3 | 350.6 | 350.8 | 350.9 |
| State & Local Government | 998509 | 177.5 | 181.2 | 183.6 | 184.0 | 184.6 | 176.3 | 182.4 | 183.4 | 178.8 | 177.6 | 180.5 | 180.1 | 180.9 |

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# METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C.

# AREA LABOR SUMMARY

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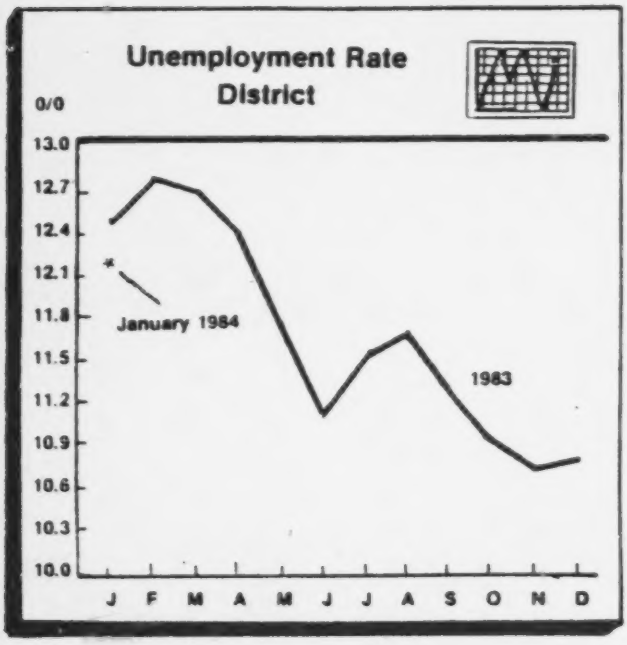
Prepared by the Division of Labor Market Information, Research and Analysis

DATA FOR JANUARY 1984

March 16, 1984

## Unemployment Up Over the Month While Remaining Stable Over the Year




The rise in unemployment coupled with the decline in employment pushed the unemployment rate up significantly between December 1983 and January 1984. Over the month the unemployment rate rose from 10.8 in December 1983 to 12.2 percent in January 1984. Since 1970, unemployment in the District has increased on average by 1,500 between December and January. Between December 1983 and January 1984, however, the number of unemployed increased by 4,200. The drop in employment over the month of 5,400 was also much higher than the long run (since 1970) average of 4,400.

This drop in employment is partly seasonal in nature. Individuals who were hired during the holiday season were layed off in January. The increase in unemployment possibly reflects an increased optimism on the part of D.C. residents to stay in the labor force and seek employment. Despite the seasonal decline in employment, D.C. residents' employment opportunities increased during 1983, thus providing a reason for optimism. For the civilian population nationally, the unemployment rate declined from 8.2 percent in December 1983 to 8.0 percent in January 1984.

Compared to year ago estimates (January 1983 to January 1984) the emoloyment situation of D.C. residents has remained relatively unchanged. Between January 1983 and January 1984 the jobless rate in the District declined from 12.5 percent to 12.2 percent. Over the year, employment growth (2.1 percent) narrowly outpaced the labor force growth (1.8 percent) resulting in the 0.3 percentage point drop in the jobless rate. Joblessness in the District declined

DIVISION OF LABOR MARKET INFORMATION,
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LABOR FORCE DATA BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE a/
January 1983

| | January b/ 1984 | December c/ 1983 | January 1983 | December 1982 | Net Change From December 1983 | Net Change From January 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **WASHINGTON, D.C.** | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 321,600 | 322,800 | 316,100 | 316,200 | -1,200 | 5,500 |
| Total Employment | 282,400 | 287,800 | 276,800 | 279,900 | -5,400 | 5,800 |
| Total Unemployment | 39,200 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 36,300 | 4,200 | -300 |
| Unemployment Rate d/ | 12.2 | 10.8 | 12.5 | 11.5 | xxx | xxx |
| **WASHINGTON, D.C. SMSA** | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,781,700 | 1,808,100 | 1,723,800 | N/A | -26,400 | 57,900 |
| Total Employment | 1,693,500 | 1,726,500 | 1,619,000 | | -33,000 | 74,500 |
| Total Unemployment | 88,200 | 81,600 | 104,800 | | 6,600 | -16,600 |
| Unemployment Rate d/ | 5.0 | 4.5 | 6.1 | | xxx | xxx |
| **SUBURBAN RING** | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,460,100 | 1,485,400 | 1,407,700 | N/A | -25,300 | 52,400 |
| Total Employment | 1,411,100 | 1,438,700 | 1,342,400 | | -27,600 | 68,700 |
| Total Unemployment | 49,000 | 46,600 | 65,300 | | 2,400 | -16,300 |
| Unemployment Rate d/ | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.6 | | xxx | xxx |

a/ Detail may not add to totals due to independent rounding
b/ Current Month Reflects Preliminary Data
c/ Previous Month Revised Data
d/ Not seasonally adjusted

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington Metropolitan Area includes the District of Columbia; the Virginia cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park; Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William and Loudoun Counties in Virginia; Montgomery, Prince Georges and Charles Counties in Maryland.

marginally over the year by 300, while employment rose significantly from 276,800 in January 1983 to 282,400 in January 1984. Nationally, gains were more pronounced as the jobless rate fell from 10.4 percent in January 1983 to 8.0 percent in January 1984.

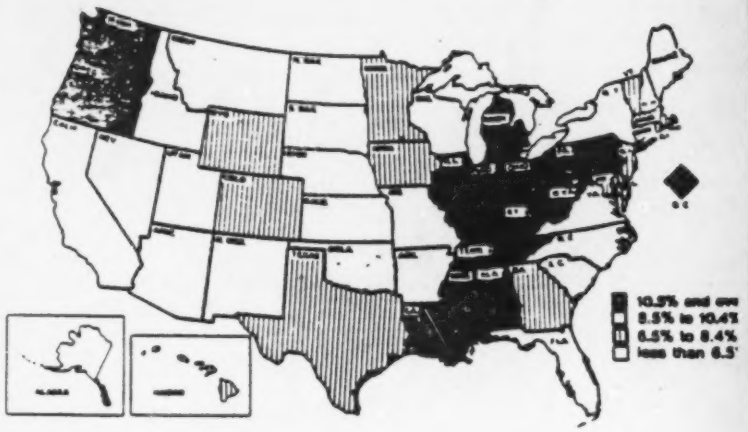
In the Metropolitan Area there was largely a seasonal increase in the level and rate of unemployment. Between December 1983 and January 1984 Area unemployment was up by 6,600 to 88,200 while the rate rose 0.4 percentage point to 5.0 percent. Employment also showed a seasonal decline (-33,000), totalling 1,693,500 in January 1984. The suburban portion of the Washington Metropolitan Area showed a similiar seasonal pattern over the month. Between December 1983 and January 1984 unemployment rose by 2,400 to 49,000 with the rate increasing by 0.3 percentage point to 3.4 percent. Employment declined over the month by 27,600 to 1,411,100.

Compared to year ago estimates (January 1983 to January 1984) the employment situation of Area residents continues to show strong improvement. Over the year total joblessness declined by 6,600 while the jobless rate declined 1.1 percentage points. Since January 1983 Metropolitan Area employment has grown a healthy 4.6 percent. The improvement in Area joblessness has been somewhat less than nationally (-15.8 percent vs -22.1 percent). Gains in Area employment were greater than national gains (4.6 percent vs. 4.1 percent). Suburban employment gains have been more dramatic increasing 5.2 percent over the year. Joblessness in the suburbs dropped by 33.2 percent with the jobless rate falling 1.2 percentage points to 3.4 percent in January 1984.

## Annual Average Unemployment in the District and the States During 1983

The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently published annual average unemployment statistics for 1983 for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The District's annual average unemployment rate was 11.7 percent. This rate tied the City with the state of Kentucky for the 8th highest rate. West Virginia had the higest rate (18 percent) followed by Michigan (14.2 percent); Alabama (13.7 percent); Mississippi (12.6 percent) and Ohio (12.2 percent). With unemployment of 11.8 percent the states of Pennsylvania and Louisiania shared the spot just above the District. The annual average unemployment rates in the neighboring states of Maryland and Virginia were relatively lower at 6.9 percent and 6.1 percent respectively. The lowest state rate (5.4 percent) was recorded in both New Hampshire and South Dakota.

**Unemployment Rates by State, 1983 Annual Average**




Over the year the District's average unemployment rate increased from 10.6 percent in 1982 to the 11.7 percent 1983. The rate in 18 other states also went up over the year. In 29 states the average rate declined and was unchanged in 3 states. At 9.6 percent in 1983, the national unemployment rate was virtually unchanged from the 1982 rate of 9.7 percent.

According to the BLS figures significant changes occurred in the District's labor force between 1982 and 1983:

## Revised Labor Force Statistics*
## District of Columbia
## 1983

| Month | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment Number | Unemployment Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 316,100 | 276,600 | 39,500 | 12.5 |
| February | 317,300 | 276,900 | 40,500 | 12.8 |
| March | 322,000 | 281,000 | 41,000 | 12.7 |
| April | 325,800 | 285,300 | 40,500 | 12.4 |
| May | 325,100 | 286,800 | 38,200 | 11.8 |
| June | 325,600 | 289,500 | 36,100 | 11.1 |
| July | 341,100 | 301,400 | 39,700 | 11.6 |
| August | 338,200 | 298,500 | 39,400 | 11.7 |
| September | 323,100 | 286,900 | 36,200 | 11.2 |
| October | 321,000 | 285,900 | 35,000 | 10.9 |
| November | 321,900 | 287,400 | 34,600 | 10.7 |
| December | 322,800 | 287,800 | 35,000 | 10.8 |
| Annual Average | 325,000 | 287,000 | 38,000 | 11.7 |

*These statistics supercede the monthly data published throughout the year. Appropriate care should be taken when comparing January 1984 and December 1983.

The monthly labor force statistics as developed and published by all state agencies, including the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services, are benchmarked (revised) at the end of each year to annual averages derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The purpose of the benchmarking is to bring state produced statistics into line with the statistics from the methodology (CPS) designed to produce national labor force data. The annual average unemployment rate for the published and benchmarking series for the District of Columbia differed by 0.9 percentage point 10.8 percent vs. 11.7 percent.

## Revised Labor Force Statistics*
## District of Columbia
## 1982

| Month | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment Number | Unemployment Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 302,700 | 273,100 | 29,600 | 9.8 |
| February | 304,800 | 273,600 | 31,200 | 10.2 |
| March | 306,600 | 275,000 | 31,600 | 10.3 |
| April | 308,400 | 276,100 | 32,300 | 10.5 |
| May | 308,800 | 277,300 | 31,500 | 10.2 |
| June | 311,000 | 279,400 | 31,500 | 10.1 |
| July | 328,200 | 292,600 | 35,600 | 10.9 |
| August | 325,700 | 290,900 | 34,700 | 10.7 |
| September | 309,500 | 276,500 | 32,900 | 10.6 |
| October | 308,800 | 275,500 | 33,300 | 10.8 |
| November | 313,300 | 277,900 | 35,400 | 11.3 |
| December | 316,200 | 279,900 | 36,300 | 11.5 |
| Annual Average | 312,000 | 279,000 | 33,000 | 10.6 |

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